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THE PROTEINS

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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action for the above-identified patent application, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 17, 1999. Applicants believe that no extension of time is required for the submission of this paper and that no additional fees are due. Should Applicants be in error, please charge deposit account number 20-0531.

REMARKS

Request for Substitute Specification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.125(a)

The Office Action requires a substitute specification, excluding claims, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.25(a) because of the excessive number of changes included in the preliminary amendment. Applicants respectfully request that the requirement for a substitute specification be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter has been identified.